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TOWARD EUROPE

AGENCE EUROPE, THE BRUSSELS DAILY WHICH FOCUSES ON THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, PUBLISHED MARCH 20 SELECTED ANSWERS
TO A QUESTIONNAIRE SENT TO THE FRENCH POLITICAL GROUPS BY
THE FRENCH SECTION OF THE EUROPEAN MOVEMENT PRIOR TO THE
FRENCH ELECTIONS. AS OF MARCH 14, NO ANSWERS HAD BEEN
RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY, THE SOCIALIST PARTY
(PSU) OR THE RADICAL PARTY. THE THREE PARTIES WHICH DID
REPLY, THE PR, RPR, AND CDS, SHOW SOME DIFFERENCES
REGARDING THE EXTENT TO WHICH THEY CONSIDER FRANCE'S FUTURE
COINCIDENT WITH EUROPE'S, WITH THE SMALL CDS APPEARING TO
HAVE THE MOST "EUROPEAN" ATTITUDE, AND THE GAULLIST RPR
THE LEAST. TEXT OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOLLOWS:

"Q. - IS EUROPEAN UNION THE BEST AND THE ONLY MEANS OF
REPLYING TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHALLENGES? OF
SAFEGUARDING AND EXPANDING OUR LIBERTIES?
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A. (CDS) "YES. ONLY JOINT ACTION WILL ENABLE OUR
COUNTRIES TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGES AND SEIZE THE
OPPORTUNITIES OF A NEW WORLD..."

-(PR) "EUROPEAN UNION MUST BE CONCEIVED AS A PREFERENTIAL
FRAMEWORK FOR THE SOLUTIONS TO THE DIFFERENT CHALLENGES

OF THE MODERN WORLD; IT DOES NOT RULE OUT ACTION IN A NATIONAL CONTEXT OR IN AN EVEN WIDER CONTEXT".

-(RPR) "FRANCE'S AND THE EUROPEAN NATIONS' INTEREST LIES IN PRESERVING DEMOCRACY AND JOINING TOGETHER, OBVIOUSLY AT THE SAME TIME RESPECTING THE INDEPENDENCE AND POLITICAL CHOICES OF EACH OF OUR NATIONS. EVOLUTION BEING THE CREATION OF LARGE ENTITIES, IF EUROPE REMAINS DIVIDED, IT WILL BE THE SICK MAN OF THE WORLD TOMORROW, BUT NOTHING CAN REPLACE THE NATIONAL EFFORT".

Q. THE OPERATION OF THE COMMUNITY IS ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES (...) SHOULD ONE NOT NOW RETURN TO THE RULE OF THE MAJORITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, AT THE PROPOSAL OF THE COMMISSION?

A. (CDS) "IN ORDER TO PROGRESS, EUROPE NOW NEEDS ADDITIONAL POLITICAL WILL. ONE OF THE MEANS WOULD BE, STARTING FROM THE GUIDELINES DEFINED BY THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, TO NORMALLY HAVE RECOURSE TO THE MAJORITY VOTE IN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS".

-(PR) "MAJORITY RULE IN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MUST BE ENVISAGED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, WITHOUT ONE BEING ABLE TO RECOMMEND THIS AT THE PRESENT TIME FOR DECISIONS WHICH WOULD PROFOUNDLY AFFECT THE INTERESTS OF A MEMBER STATE".

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-(RPR) "THERE IS NO MIRACLE INSTITUTIONAL SOLUTION; POLITICAL WILL ALONE IS WHAT COUNTS. IF THE POLITICAL WILL EXISTS, EUROPE WILL ADVANCE. BUT IT WILL NOT DO SO BY ARTIFICIAL MECHANISMS SUCH AS MAJORITY RULE. IT IS CERTAINLY DESIRABLE TO SEEK THE BEST POSSIBLE COMPROMISE BUT IN THE END, NO STATE WILL ACCEPT SOLUTIONS WHICH GO AGAINST ITS OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS; HENCE THE NEED FOR A COMMON WILL".

Q. IN THE FIRST ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, WHAT WILL BE YOUR PARTY'S POSITION; AN ACCUMULATION OF MANDATES? PRESENTATION OF MILITANTS WHO WILL BE REAL EUROPEANS OR FIGURES WHO WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY?

A. (CDS) "THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIST WILL HAVE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF VARIOUS IMPERATIVES: THE NEED FOR A LEADER WHO IS WELL-KNOWN AT NATIONAL LEVEL; THE CONVICTION OF ITS MEMBERS; THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF EUROPEAN REALITIES...AN ACCUMULATION OF MANDATES, IN THE FIRST ASSEMBLY AT LEAST, CANNOT BE PRECLUDED".

-(PR) "THE COMPOSITION OF NATIONALISTS SHOULD BE AS REPRESENTATIVE AS POSSIBLE OF THE COMPOSITE INTERESTS

OF THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY; A VERY FLEXIBLE POSITION MAY BE ABLE TO ALLOW FOR AN ACCUMULATION OF MANDATES IN CERTAIN CASES, IN OTHERS, NO".

-(RPR) "WE INTEND...TO APPEAL TO THE MOST SUITABLE CANDIDATES AND THE MOST COMPETENT ONES; UNDOUBTEDLY YOUNG PEOPLE WITH TALENT, BUT ALSO MEN AND WOMEN WITH EXPERIENCE".

Q. AT EUROPEAN LEVEL, WHAT FORM OF GROUPING, AND WITH WHICH PARTNERS DOES YOUR PARTY ENVISAGE?

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A. (CDS) "THE CDS BELONGS TO THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY, WHICH GROUPS TOGETHER THE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES OF CHRISTIAN INSPIRATION IN THE EEC. THIS IS, OF COURSE, A FEDERATION OF PARTIES AND NOT A UNITED PARTY".

-(PR) "THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION OF LIBERAL AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES OF THE EEC".

-(RPR)- "CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH SEVERAL EUROPEAN PARTIES WITH A VIEW TO POSSIBLE REGROUPINGS. THE GAULLIST MOVEMENT IS A FAIRLY DIFFERENT POLITICAL FAMILY FROM THAT IN THE OTHER COUNTRIES...".

THE LAST QUESTION CONCERNS ENLARGEMENT, ALL THE PARTIES BEING IN FAVOUR OF IT, BUT THE CDS POINTS OUT THAT "A DEEPENING SHOULD, THIS TIME, ACCOMPANY, OR EVEN PRECEDE, ENLARGEMENT". THE RPR MENTIONS COMPETITION IN THE AGRICULTURAL SPHERE: "NO DECISION CAN BE TAKEN WITHOUT A MECHANISM TO PROTECT US FROM THIS COMPETITION BEING CREATED". END TEXT. MORRIS

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